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INTERESTING ORIGIN OF RED CROSS SEAL

How Custom Was First Introduced Into the United States

"How did the Red Cross Christmas Seal originate?" is a question that is being asked by many during this holiday season when millions of these stickers are being sold all over the United States. To Jacob Riis, the well known social worker of New York, and to Miss Emily P. Bissell, the energetic secretary of the Delaware Red Cross, jointly belong the honor of originating our American Red Cross Christmas Seal. In 1909 Mr. Riis' interest was aroused by the receipt of a Christmas tuberculosis stamp on a letter from Norway. He published an article about this queer-looking stamp in the Outlook, and suggested some possible uses for it in this country. Miss Bissell at once saw an opportunity here and prepared a stamp, from the sale of which her society realized \$3,000 for tuberculosis work. So impressed was she with this success that she induced the American Red Cross to take up the sale in 1908 on a national basis. With very little organization and with hardly any attempt at careful advertising, the sale that year brought in, nevertheless, over \$125,000 for anti-tuberculosis work in various parts of the United States. In 1909, with more thorough organization, the sale was increased to \$250,000, and in 1910 to nearly \$310,000. Last year the sale increased to over \$330,000, or 33,000,000 seals.

While our own Red Cross Seal dates back only four years, "charity stamps," from which this idea originally sprang, go back to 1862, when "sanitary fair stamps" were first used in Boston to secure money for the care of soldiers wounded during the Civil War. Nearly \$1,000,000 was raised in this way during the years 1862 to 1865.

Work for the Editor

It is said that anyone can be an editor. All an editor has to do is to sit at his desk six days in the week, four weeks of the month and twelve months of the year and "edit" such copy as this:

"Mrs. Jones of Lost Creek let a can opener slip last week and cut herself in the pantry."

"A mischievous lad of Matherton threw a stone and struck a companion in the alley last Tuesday."

"John Doe climbed on the roof of his house last week looking for a leak, and fell, striking himself on the back porch."

"While Harold Green was escorting Miss Violet Wise home from a church social Saturday night a savage dog attacked them and bit Mr. Green on the public square."

"Mr. White, while harnessing a broncho last Saturday was kicked just south of the corner."

"Isaac Trimmer was playing with a cat Friday when it scratched him on the veranda."—Exchange.

Taft Witnessed Deed

Staunton News: That William H. Taft, president of the United States, once did not disdain the emoluments of minor law practice, came to light yesterday when Armistead C. Gordon in looking up some old titles discovered on the face of the deed to his present home, the names of William H. Taft and Horace D. Taft as witnessing the signatures of the owners of the property at the time of the purchase.

The deed was sent to Cincinnati in August, 1884 where the then owners of the property lived and since filing it in that year, Mr. Gordon had never examined it until yesterday when upon glancing at the signature he was astonished to see the name of the President affixed to the document.

Representative Flood of Virginia has informally assumed the chairmanship of the House committee on foreign affairs to continue the rest of the session of Congress. The change in the head of the committee was marked by the presentation of a large engraved silver pitcher to Gov.-elect Sulzer of New York by

LINING UP FOR TUCKER

Newspapers of Virginia Urge His Appointment in Cabinet

It is encouraging to observe how strongly and generally the Virginia newspapers are urging the appointment of Harry St. George Tucker for a place in the next Cabinet. There seems to be no difference of section or faction. Mr. Tucker's former opponents and his consistent friends are together. Even the few Republican newspapers, while naturally offering no advice to a Democratic administration, refrain from hostile criticism of the suggestion.

That is the way to win, to secure practical results and to help push Virginia back into her old place as leader of the political thought and action of the country. When a Virginian who is fit is put forward for any place of honor or distinction in the country we should line up solidly to help him, regardless of our past differences with him or among ourselves.

Mr. Tucker comes of a family and represents a name identified with distinguished and valuable public service. He is a man of learning and ability, of study and thought and of practical knowledge of affairs. He would make an excellent and creditable Cabinet officer, would win respect for the country, the government and the State anywhere and in any company. He would be especially congenial with Governor Wilson and in harmony with the administration as himself a school man with positions including head of the law department of Washington and Lee, dean of the law department at George Washington University, Washington, and college president. He is of ripe mind and culture, an advanced thinker, a scholar and philosopher.

Not only Virginia but other States, North and South, in which Mr. Tucker is known, his reputation being very far wider than the boundary lines of Virginia, will ask his appointment, and if it is made will approve it with enthusiasm.—Roanoke Times.

Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Popular Government

Col. William Jennings Bryan published the following leading editorial in last week's issue of the Commonwealth:

"We have a Democratic Senate and a Democratic House, as well as a Democratic President, but let no one think it safe to go to sleep. One majority in the Senate is very small—a few reactionaries may obstruct legislation or insist on concessions as the price of support. There are reactionaries in the House, also, and an eye must be kept on them. It behooves every Democrat to be on the alert and to warn his Senators and his members of Congress against any backward step. The Baltimore platform says: 'Our pledges are made to be kept when in office as well as relied upon during the campaign.' Every official should be held to the letter and spirit of the platform. Ten cents spent by each voter for postal cards and cards used to indorse faithful representatives and to admonish unfaithful ones would work wonders in securing progressive measures. The officials at Washington should be informed that the rank and file of the Democratic party insists on the carrying out of the platform. The first work to be done is to secure legislation which will give an immediate reduction of the high tariff, make a private monopoly impossible and reform the currency in the interest of the whole people with protection against Wall street's control."

Reception to Footballists

A reception was tendered the W. L. U. football team Monday night, December 2nd, in the University library, with an interesting program.

A loving cup, the gift of students, was presented to Coach Reilly by Dr. H. D. Campbell; a silver cigarette case presented to Assistant Coach Moomaw by Rev. O. de W. Randolph; a silver brush set to Captain Miller by Dr. L. W. Smith, and watch fobs

GUNS WILL BOOM IN WELCOME OF WILSON

Jubilee in Staunton on Occasion Of President-elect's Visit December 28

CELEBRATION ON BIRTH DAY

Tremendous Crowd Expected to Be In Attendance

Staunton is making great preparations for the visit December 28th of President-elect Woodrow Wilson, who will spend that day in the city in which he was born. Excursions will be operated from different sections of the State, and the occasion promises to be one of great interest.

As present outlined the jubilee committees are proceeding on the assumption that the principal guest is coming Friday night. In this case he will be met at the station by detachments of soldiers who will form a line from the train to the carriage. On a hill near the station a detachment of Howitzers and cadets will fire the presidential salute while the Stonewall band plays as he walks to the conveyance "Dixie" followed by "Carry Me Back To Old Virginia." The reception committee will meet Mr. Wilson at the station, though Mayor H. H. Wayt will greet him as he alights from the train and welcome him to the city of his birth place. While the details of police are clearing the streets, according to the secret service regulations, the church bells will sound and with the band marching in front of the chief guest followed by the troops and carriages, will proceed to the manse. At Main street a torchlight procession will be waiting to fall in the line of march to the place where Mr. Wilson will spend the night. Afterward, the torchlight procession, with the band, will march to the hotel district and serenade the distinguished State officials who will be entertained there.

SATURDAY BIG DAY

Saturday morning at 9:30 Mr. Wilson will receive the city, county and State officials and members of the Wilson celebration committees.

From 10:30 to 12, automobiles will be placed at the disposal of the President-elect's party for such trips about the city and county as they may desire.

12:30—Review in front of the public school of the military cadets, fraternal organizations, bands and such out side organizations as may be there for the occasion.

2:30—Address of welcome at Mary Baldwin Seminary by Dr. Frazer, responded to by Mr. Wilson. Reception follows until 4 p. m., when a service is proposed at the First Presbyterian church to be participated in by every minister in the city.

Why a Nest-Egg Encourages a Hen

"There is still a great deal of superstition about poultry matters, and the real purpose of nest-eggs comes in for a full share of comment.

"No, the ordinary china nest-egg does not make the hens lay white eggs, nor lay more of any one kind nor teach the hens to sit.

"A nest-egg merely encourages a hen to lay another egg in the same place, thus preventing her from stealing her nest. The maternal instinct of a hen leads her to try to lay a nest full of eggs on which she can sit if nature's plan is not disturbed by gathering the eggs."—Farm and Fireside.

How to Build Up the Land

The Manufacturers' Record, which has for its slogan, "A Greater Nation Through a Greater South," is authority for the statement that "publicity which brought population and capital, is the thing and practically the only thing that has made unimproved farm land in California worth \$1,000 per acre." Lands which intrinsically are worth no more than thousands of individual acres in the South, command such prices simply because of the demand created by increased population,

REAL TREASURES OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

A Discriminating Visitor Places The Lexington Children as Leading Asset

RICH IN HISTORIC MEMORIES

Boys' and Girls' Clubs Make Fine Showing of Exhibits

The following article appeared in the Virginia Progressive of Lynchburg last Friday and was contributed by Mrs. Laura M. Read, who was present in Lexington Tuesday at the School Fair and made a most excellent address in the interest of industrial training in the public schools. Mrs. Read is a member of the Progressive staff and conducts the page for "Woman and the Virginia Home." The article, in part, is as follows:

"When an outsider thinks of Rockbridge, there comes to mind trips to the Natural Bridge or something educational or historical pertaining to Lexington.

"The Bridge is wonderful, the educational institutions at Lexington are among the finest in the land, the history of the county as interesting as that of any section in Virginia—but at last I've seen the real thing of Rockbridge: I've seen the children of the 'Macs' and their kinsfolks at a County School Fair.

A NEW EPOCH IN ROCKBRIDGE

"No past can be so great that the present may not surpass it, so when the children came to Lexington yesterday bringing with them the work of their hands for the consideration of the good judges of the fair, it was a scene just as inspiring as any that had ever transpired in that grand old county, with all its 'olden story.' It meant a new epoch in the history of Rockbridge, a new step taken toward democracy and industrial intelligence. Give me the child's hands in education and I'll answer for the rest of him. Give the State industrial intelligence throughout, and we can promise good government. The busy man who lives his work is the man who understands it, and who can put something of himself into it.

"The work exhibited by the children was good enough to have special mention, every piece of it, but space forbids.

"The exhibits were shown in the large auditorium of the Lexington High School with plenty of space and light to make the same doubly attractive.

"Superintendent Effinger, who has spent his life in the service of the people of Rockbridge, left nothing undone to promote the success of the fair. It was beautiful to see the eagerness and enthusiasm of the children present as the prizes were awarded.

PAPERS ON LOCAL HISTORY

"Local history papers and 'the lives of great men' who have lived in Lexington and the county were no small feature of the fair. And surely there is cause for pride in this, for upon Rockbridge soil have trod the feet of some of the greatest of Americans. Over in the mausoleum back of the Memorial chapel rests the idol of the South, General Robert Edward Lee, on the campus of the college, which memorializes the last work of his life. Then across the green and through the gate which brings us into the Virginia Military Institute grounds, we pass around the barracks and up a 'stoop' into 'Old Jack's' section room, where the immortal Stonewall Jackson first made his impress upon the men of the South as teacher and officer.

"Every spot tells some story of those who have 'passed by.'

"The mountains, hills and valleys speak history, the green fields and pleasant vales smile it back at you. There are men all over the country in recollections of student days who return to view old school scenes and to renew old acquaintances. Little wonder it is that Stonewall

MOTHER GOOSE PAGEANT

Thursday Night Under Auspices of Junior Civic League

Last Thursday night, in the spacious High School Auditorium, a large audience was entertained by the presentation of a "Mother Goose Pageant," presented under the auspices of the Junior Civic League. The decorations were in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, and back of the stage the walls were adorned with pictures of large black cats, while red hearts were much in evidence.

The participants were dressed in rich and varied costumes, and when all were gathered on the stage a beautiful and impressive tableau was presented. From the dignified Old King Cole and his beautiful Queen of Hearts and the diversified characters in the play, down to the winsome fairies, all performed their parts admirably, and each number received generous and appreciative applause.

The spirited and rollicking songs by the chorus of trained voices and the solos by Miss Moore, Miss Webster, Mr. Carson and Mr. Newman were heartily appreciated by the audience. Miss Nelson was accompanist.

The entertainment was under the following committees:

General arrangements: Mrs. Francis Mallory and Mrs. F. Cleveland Davis; singing: Mrs. Hugh A. White, Mrs. Bernard W. Switzer, Mrs. Robert T. Kerlin and Miss Carrie Harman; costumes: Mrs. F. Cleveland Davis, Misses Fannie Graham, Jennie Hopkins and Nettie Smith; dancing: Mrs. Alpha Brumage; advertising: Captains M. F. Edwards, B. D. Mayo and Mr. W. F. Flagg.

The entertainment was given for the benefit of the public schools, and the proceeds will be used for beautifying the school grounds. The gross receipts amounted to over one hundred dollars.

Following is the program presented:

CASTE IN ORDER OF ENTRANCE

Heralds . . . James Howe and Reid Granger
Maids in Waiting . . . Misses Fanny Graham, Mary Glasgow, Elizabeth Cross, Mary Champe, Helen Campbell and Jennie Hopkins
Knaves . . . Messrs. Yonce, Graham and Mayhew; Captains W. H. Edwards, Poague, Ellison, Millner and Saldow
Maids of Honor . . . Misses Laura Tucker, Ella Webster and Evelyn Champe
King Cole . . . Mr. W. L. Carson
Queen of Hearts . . . Miss Virginia Moore
Mother Goose . . . Miss Carrie Harman
Jack Be Nimble . . . Mr. G. A. Newman
Humpty Dumpty . . . Chorus of Boys
Old Woman Under the Hill . . . Miss Carrie Walker
Three Crows . . . Harry Lyons, L. O. Beeton and Ben Campbell
Pretty Maid and Man . . . William Troland and Katharine Glasgow
Man in the Moon, Mr. H. D. Newman
Little Bo-Peep . . . Sarah White
Little Boy Blue . . . Dorsey Hopkins
Indians . . . Chorus of Boys
Simple Simon . . . Nelson Swink
Pieman . . . Jesse Moses
The Crooked Man, Alexander Jones
Old Woman in the Shoe . . . Miss Elizabeth Kinnear
Children, Chorus of Boys and Girls
Little Tommy Tucker, Francis Miller
Jack Spratt and Wife . . . Huling Laird and Elen Wilson
Jack and Jill . . . Jack Meade and Mary Dillon
Little Jack Horner, James Hamilton
Little Miss Muffett . . . Gertrude Pendleton
Cry, Baby, Cry . . . Gill Granger
Little Red Riding Hood, Tillie Lyons
Fairies . . . Chorus of Girls
Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary . . . Miss Mary Graham
Flowers . . . Chorus of Girls
Beggars, Chorus of Boys and Girls
Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater, Greenlee Letcher
His Wife . . . Myrtle Granger
Ride a Cock Horse . . . Becky Lyons

Being out of a job is not always a matter of hard luck. There is

GET PLENTY FRESH AIR AND AVOID DRAUGHT

Health and Comfort Rules During Cold Weather

December winds should not fright and a falling thermometer need not alarm, for comfort and cold are not incompatible and fresh air is still possible without draughts, declares the State Board of Health in special cold weather warning just issued.

"Mistaken ideas of protection against cold weather," says the bulletin, "are responsible for more deaths than cold weather. Close rooms kill more people than ever froze to death and insufficient clothing is as dangerous as a house without fires.

CLOSE ROOMS UNHEALTHY

"Nothing does more harm than belief that a house should be sealed so tightly is winter that no fresh air can enter. The result of this is a closeness which weakens the bodily resistance and makes a person more susceptible to colds when he leaves the house. Every living-room and every sleeping apartment should have fresh air at all times regardless of the weather. This can generally be had without difficulty, as a number of simple schemes have been devised which can be installed in any room. One of the most efficient is to fit a slanting board to the lower end of the window and to secure this to the sides of the window frame with smaller boards. The window can then be raised almost to the level of the board and will give a current of fresh air which will pass over the head of persons sitting in the room. A diagram of this plan can be found in the bulletin on Fresh Air issued by the board and available for free distribution.

DRAUGHTS ARE TO BE AVOIDED

"Draughts are, of course, to be avoided. They cool one part of the body while the other is warm and thus cause colds. But draughts can be avoided and fresh air can still be had with a little care.

"Insufficient clothing is another fruitful source of discomfort in winter. No one should leave a warm room and go into the outer air even temporarily without additional clothing. Fashions which prescribe light clothing in winter are among the worst enemies of health. To go without an overcoat or other heavy clothing in cold is to invite sickness.

"Many persons who are anxious to have abundant fresh air in their bed rooms in winter complain of cold during the night. This is always to be avoided. Those who can afford to do so should supply themselves with ample bed clothing, but persons who cannot purchase additional blankets will find a simple substitute to hand in old newspapers. If a layer of newspapers be placed between the blankets, much warmth will be retained which otherwise would be lost."

A League to Suppress Profanity

According the Chicago Record Herald, a league has been formed for the purpose of creating sentiment against the use of profane language. Says the Windy City paper:

"Its object is to obtain enforcement of the law against users of such language and to do anything else that may be necessary to check an evil in our public conduct. Too many Americans are addicted to foul and vulgar speech. Returning travelers and visitors from foreign shores notice an offensive profusion of such language as soon as the home port is reached. It has no parallel in Europe and no proper place here. Perhaps it exists because of the greater nervous strain that is on Americans; perhaps it is a result of freedom from some of the restraints on the individual that exist in the older country. Whatever its cause, its results are bad. It is easy, of course, and also dangerous, to go to extremes in suppressing profane and indecent language. But toward real and sensi-